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MAJOR AIR RAID SHELTERS PREPARED IN SIXTEEN BULGARIAN CITIES

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Since 1951, Bulgaria has probably prepared tunnel-type air raid shelters in sixteen cities. Most of these heavy shelters are apparently intended for control purposes or for the protection of important personnel. Some are German-built World War II shelters which have been reconditioned and modernized; others reportedly are of new construction.

Several sources have reported a large shelter in the center of Sofia, the capital of Bulgaria. Construction started in 1951 and was completed in 1958. According to one informant, the shelter and associated tunnels cover an area of 14,000 square meters and have two principal entrances--one in the basement of the Communist Party Headquarters, the other in the basement of the Ministry of Defense building. 1/ Several smaller air raid shelters, also built in the capital, allegedly have telephone connections with this central shelter. The secondary shelters are to be used for administrative and military offices. 2/

The Bulgarians have prepared several underground shelters in the suburbs of Sofia which may serve as alternate quarters for the government. These shelters are said to be equipped with telephones, radio transmitting and receiving stations, and rooms for food storage. 3/ One very extensive shelter is located in the mountains at Boyana (42° 39'N/23° 16'E). 4/ Construction, started by the Germans in World War II was resumed by the Bulgarians in 1946 and was still in progress in 1952. 5/ Other such shelters are located at Pancharevo (42° 35'N/23° 24'E). 6/ and Kremikovtsi (42° 47'N/23° 30'E). 7/ According to one source, the shelter at Pancharevo is intended for use by the Bulgarian government and contains a water supply, an independent power source, and air conditioning. 8/ As described, the Kremikovtsi shelter contains furnished apartments and has its own electric power supply, telephones, ventilation, plumbing, and sewer system. 9/ A fourth emergency underground government and military headquarters has been reported near Zlatitsa (42° 43'N/24° 10'E). 10/

Tunnels, to be used as air raid shelters, exist in or near fifteen other principal Bulgarian cities. The attached tabulation (see next page), based primarily on reports from defectors, indicates the amount of evidence for the existence of such shelters. The cities of Burgas, Plovdiv, and Varna are most frequently reported to have tunnel-type shelters--by 13, 23, and 14 sources, respectively.

It may be concluded that Bulgaria, under Soviet direction, 11/ has taken extensive precautions to insure the continuity of government operations in case of air war. Because a number of tunnel-type shelters --and heavy bunkers--have been reported from other Soviet Bloc countries, the possibility should not be overlooked that substantial shelter protection similar to Bulgaria's may be generally available for important control centers in the USSR and in other major European Satellites.

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REPORTED TUNNEL-TYPE SHELTERS IN FIFTEEN BULGARIAN CITIES

<u>City and Coordinates</u>	<u>Shelter Description</u>	<u>Dates Built or Refurbished</u>	<u>Equipment</u>	<u>No. of Sources</u>
Assenovgrad 41°59'N/24°52'E	Tunnels--some had blast walls in front of entrances	Some possibly constructed after 1950	-	3
Blagoevgrad 42°01'N/23°06'E	Tunnels--steel doors	Rebuilt Summer 1955	Power network	3
Burgas 42°30'N/27°30'E	Major underground shelters, probably connected by tunnel system	Probably reconstructed 1952-55	Running water, ventilation, and electric power	13
Dimitrovgrad 42°03'N/25°35'E	Tunnels and other types	Some constructed prior to 1953. Some completed in 1957	Electric, water, telephone, bathroom and kitchen facilities. Electric generators to be installed	7
Gabrovo 42°52'N/25°19'E	Tunnels	Renovated Spring 1954. New shelters built 1954-55	Electricity, benches	7
Kazanluk 42°37'N/25°24'E	Tunnels	Reconstructed and modernized 1952-54	Ventilation shaft, electricity	4
Khaskovo 41°55'N/25°32'E	Tunnels--some entrances have iron doors	Some constructed 1948, some later	Electricity and forced ventilation	6
Lovech 43°08'N/24°43'E	Large tunnel--26 steel doors	--	-	4
Petrich 41°24'N/23°13'E	Tunnels--3 entrances	--	-	4
Pleven 43°25'N/24°36'E	Tunnels--could hold 2,000 persons	Repaired and reinforced 1954-55	Electricity	4
Plovdiv 42°08'N/24°45'E	Network of tunnels in the 7 hills around Plovdiv	Started in World War II--continued later	-	23
Ruse 43°50'N/25°57'E	Network of tunnels	Reconstructed 1954-55	Air ducts throughout the city for these tunnels	7

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Stara Zagora 42°25'N/25°38'E	Tunnels	Probably built 1950-53	-	5
Turnovo 43°04'N/25°40'E	Tunnels	Built Summer 1957	Air supply system, elec- tricity, water	3
Varna 43°13'N/27°55'E	Tunnels and bunkers	Old shelters were reconstructed. New ones built 1956-57	Transformers, 14 fans, drain- age system, appliances for "preventing moisture"	14

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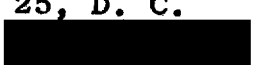
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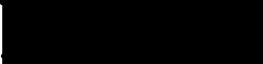
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